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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Responsive to the action mailed August 13, 2002, applicants elect the invention of Group XIV drawn to the embodiment of methods for improving the nutritional value of foodstuff using the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:10. The election is made without traverse.

In addition, applicants submit herewith a Sequence Listing in computer-readable form as required by 37 CFR §1.824, a substitute Sequence Listing as required under 37 CFR §1.823(a), and a statement under 37 CFR §1.821(f).

Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments:

In the specification:

Replace the original Sequence Listing with the substitute Sequence Listing filed herewith.

Replace paragraph [0001] beginning at page 1, line 2 with the following paragraph:

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/580,515, filed May 25, 2000, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/318,528, now U.S. Patent No. 6,183,740, filed May 25, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/291,931, now U.S. Patent No. 6,190,897, filed

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